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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2283

INFO AMEMBBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, PINS, MZ

SUBJECT: SUSPICIOUS PLANE CRASH

1. BEECHCRAFT AIRTAXI EVACUATING SICK CHILD FROM NOVA FREIXO TO NAMPULA EXPLODED ON TAKEOFF NEAR MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 31, KILLING PILOT AND ALL SIX CIVILIAN PASSENGERS. PASSENGERS INCLUDED 21 YEAR OLD SON OF ROLAND MENDES, AIR TAXI COMPANY OWNER, WHO PRESENTLY TRAVELLING IN U.S. ON BUSINESS. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, TWO BODIES FOUND THROWN CLEAR AT DISTANCE FROM PLANE, REMAINDER BURNED IN WRECK. INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY, BUT RUMORS OF FRELIMO SABOTAGE AND/OR ATTACK CIRCULATING. DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION HAS EXPRESSED STRONG DOUBTS PLANE COULD BE VICTIM OF FRELIMO FIRE, AS CRASH TOOK PLACE INSIDE NOVA FREIXO MILITARY AIRPORT.

2. COMMENT: IF THIS PROVES TO BE FRELIMO ACTION, IT IS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AREA OF NIASSA DISTRICT WHICH HAS HITHERTO BEEN CONSIDERED

SECURE. IN ANY CASE, REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER FRELIMO
(ACCURATELY OR OTHERWISE) WILL CHOOSE TO TAKE CREDIT FOR
NEW YEAR'S EVE KILLING OF SICK INFANT AND FAMILY.
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